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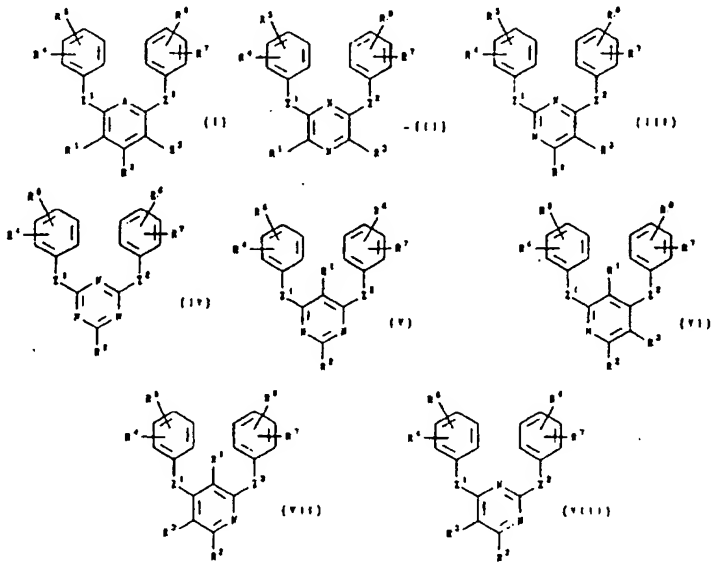
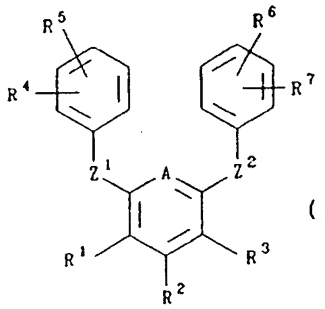
(57) Abstract

This invention is directed to benzamidine derivatives which are useful as anti-coagulants. This invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of the invention, and methods of using the compounds to treat disease-states characterized by thrombotic activity. Accordingly, in one aspect, this invention provides compounds selected from the group consisting of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), and (VIII), wherein: A is $-C(R^{11})=$ or $-N=$; Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, $-N(R^8)-$, -S-, or $-OCH_2-$; R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, nitro, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$, or $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxyl; etc.; R^4 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, nitro, $-OR^8$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(H)C(O)R^8$, or $-N(H)S(O)_2R^{12}$; R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(NH)N(H)OR^8$, $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)OR^{12}$, $-C(NH)N(H)S(O)_2R^{12}$, $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, or $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)R^8$; R^6 is halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, ureido, guanidino, $-OR^8$, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(NH)NHOH$, $-C(O)R^{10}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-CH(OH)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-N(H)C(O)R^8$, (1,2)-tetrahydropyrimidinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), (1,2)-imidazolyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), or (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl); each R^8 and R^9 is independently hydrogen alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl; R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-morpolinyl, 4-piperazinyl, 4-(*N*-methyl)piperazinyl, or piperidin-1-yl; R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl or halo; and R^{12} is alkyl, aryl or aralkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.



WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound selected from the group consisting of the following formulae:



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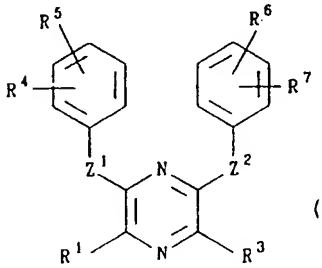

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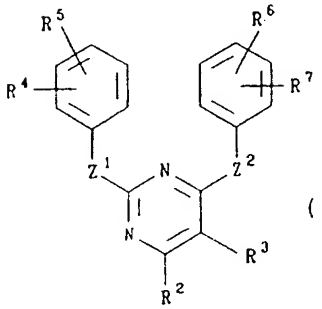

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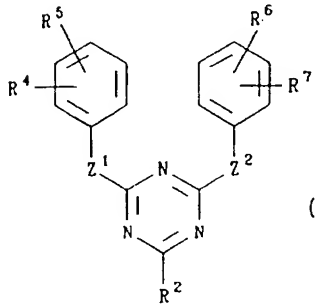

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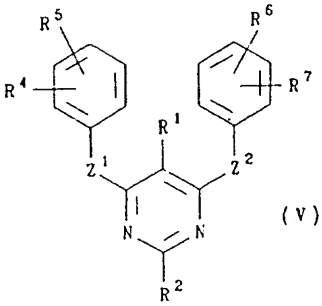

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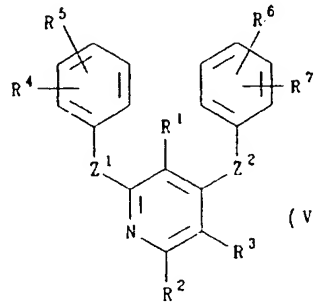

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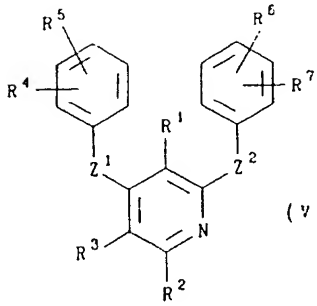
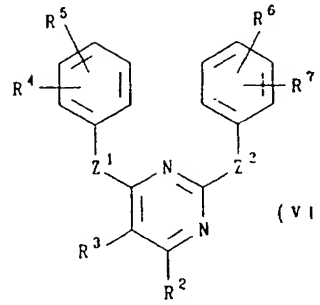


(VII), and



(VIII);

wherein

A is $-C(R^{11})=$ or $-N=$;

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, $-N(R^8)-$, -S-, or $-OCH_2-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, nitro, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$, or $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)carbonyl, (alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, ((alkoxy)alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is 1-piperazinoyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, and tetrazolylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and aralklyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, amidino, 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, nitro, $-OR^8$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(H)C(O)R^8$, or $-N(H)S(O)_2R^{12}$;

R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(NH)N(H)OR^8$, $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)OR^{12}$, $-C(NH)N(H)S(O)_2R^{12}$, $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, or $-C(NH)N(H)C(O)R^8$;

R^6 is halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, ureido, guanidino, $-OR^8$, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(NH)NHOH$, $-C(O)R^{10}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-CH(OH)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3), $-N(H)C(O)R^8$, (1,2)-tetrahydropyrimidinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), (1,2)-imidazolyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), or (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl);

each R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

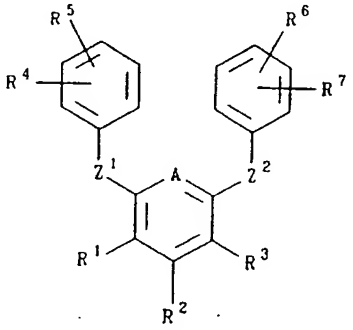
R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-morpolinyl, 4-piperazinyl, 4-(*N*-methyl)piperazinyl, or piperidin-1-yl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl or halo; and

R^{12} is alkyl, aryl or aralkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound selected from formula (I):



(I)

wherein

A is -N=;

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, $-N(R^8)-$ or $-OCH_2-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, haloalkyl, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, or $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkyl,

(arylamino)carbonylalkyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)carbonyl, (alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, ((alkoxy)alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is 1-piperazinoyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or tetrazolylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonylalkyl or aralklyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, amidino, 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl or alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 is hydrogen, $-OR^8$ or $-N(R^8)R^9$;

R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-CH(OH)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), 1-piperidinoyl, 1-pyrrolidinoyl, (1,2)-imidazolyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), or (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl);

R^7 is hydrogen, halo, alkyl, $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R9$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or phenyl; and

R^{12} is methyl, ethyl, phenyl or benzyl.

3. The compound of Claim 2 wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O- or $-NCH_3-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethyl, amino, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, or $-NHC(O)NHR^9$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-N(R^8)R^9$;

$-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxyalkyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy and alkoxycarbonyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxyalkyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and aralkiyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 is hydrogen, amino, hydroxy, or methoxy;

R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 1), (1,2)-imidazolyl substituted by alkyl, or 2-imidazolinyl substituted by alkyl;

R^7 is hydrogen, methoxy, or hydroxy; and

R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, or phenyl.

4. The compound of Claim 3 wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 are both -O-;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, or chloro;

R^4 is amino, hydrogen, hydroxy or methoxy;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 or 1), (1,2)-imidazolyl substituted by methyl, or 2-imidazolinyl optionally substituted by methyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen or hydroxy.

5. The compound of Claim 4 wherein

R^4 is hydroxy;

R^6 is dimethylamino or dimethylaminocarbonyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen.

6. The compound of Claim 5 selected from the group consisting of the following:

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(1-ethoxycarbonylmethylpyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-propoxypyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(4-carboxypiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-dimethylaminopyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(1,3-difluoroprop-2-oxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(1-bromo-3-fluoroprop-2-oxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-methylpyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-((methyl)-(carboxymethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(3-carboxypiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(4-carboxymethylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(4-carboxymethyl-

piperazinyl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(4-ethoxycarbonyl-methylpiperazinyl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(4-carboxy-2-methoxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(4-carboxy-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-((methyl)-(carboxymethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(aminocarbonylmethoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(1-carboxy-methylpiperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-carboxymethoxypyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-((2-dimethyl-aminoethyl)(carboxymethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-(1-(1-iminoethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(pyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl]oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-methylpyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl]oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-(1-(1-iminoethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-4-((1-carboxymethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine; and

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminophenoxy)-4-((methyl)-((carboxymethyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine.

7. The compound of Claim 4 wherein

R^4 is hydroxy;

R^6 is (1,2)-imidazolyl substituted by methyl or 2-imidazolinyl substituted by methyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen.

8. The compound of Claim 7 selected from the group consisting of the following:

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxycarbonylpiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((methyl)-(carboxymethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((methyl)-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-(methoxy-carbonyl)ethylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-(2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethenyl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-(2-carboxyethenyl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(5-carboxypyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)piperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-hydroxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-5-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-5-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-5-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,3-dimethoxy-5-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-aminocarbonyl-5-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-methoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3,5-dicarboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-4-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-6-(3,5-dicarboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-carboxy-5-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-amidinophenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-carboxy-phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-aminocarbonyl-5-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-chloro-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethyl-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)piperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)piperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(5-ethoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(1-carboxymethylpiperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(1-(1-carboxy-1-methylethyl)piperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-ethoxycarbonylpiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-ethoxycarbonylpiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-carboxypiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-carboxypiperidin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(3-(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-ethoxycarbonylmethylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-carboxymethylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-5-(tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazol-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((2-dimethylaminoethyl)(carboxymethyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-carboxymethylpiperidin-4-yl)(methyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-carboxymethylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-ethoxycarbonylmethylpiperidin-4-yl)(methyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)piperidin-4-yl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((piperidin-4-yl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((piperidin-4-yl)-(methyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-((1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)(methyl)amino)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(5-carboxypent-1-oxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine; and

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(1-methylimidazolin-2-yl)phenoxy)-4-(4-carboxymethylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine.

9. The compound of Claim 4 wherein

R^4 is hydroxy;

R^6 is guanidino; and

R^7 is hydrogen.

10. The compound of Claim 9 selected from the group consisting of the following:

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(1-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(1-carboxymethylpiperidin-4-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(5-ethoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-3-yloxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-methoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

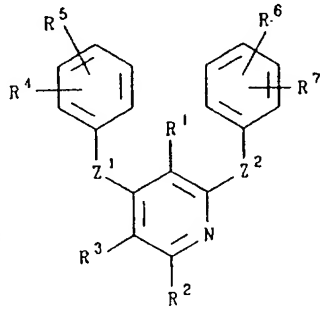
4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(2,6-dimethoxy-4-aminocarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(2-methoxy-4-carboxyphenoxy)-pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine;

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(methyl)(phenyl)amino-carbonylpyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine; and

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-(guanidino)phenoxy)-4-(4-carboxy-methylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy]benzamidine.

11. The compound of Claim 1 which is selected from formula (VII):



(VII)

wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, -N(R^8)- or -OCH_2-;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, haloalkyl, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, or $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)carbonyl, (alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, ((alkoxy)alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is 1-piperazinoyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or tetrazolylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonylalkyl or aralkyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, amidino, 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, alkoxycarbonyl or alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 is hydrogen, $-OR^8$ or $-N(R^8)R^9$;

R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-CH(OH)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 3), 1-piperidinoyl, 1-pyrrolidinoyl, (1,2)-imidazolyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), or (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl);

R^7 is hydrogen, halo, alkyl, $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R9$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or phenyl; and

R^{12} is methyl, ethyl, phenyl or benzyl.

12. The compound of Claim 11 wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O- or $-NCH_3-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethyl, amino, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, or $-NHC(O)NHR^9$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-N((CH_2)_nN(R^8)R^9)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)R^9$ (where n is 1 to 3); $-O(CH_2)_pC(O)OR^8$ (where p is 1 to 6); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxyalkyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy and alkoxycarbonyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxyalkyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and aralklyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 is hydrogen, amino, hydroxy, or methoxy;

R^5 is $-C(NH)NH_2$;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 to 1), (1,2)-imidazolyl substituted by alkyl, or 2-imidazolinyl substituted by alkyl;

R^7 is hydrogen, methoxy, or hydroxy; and

R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, or phenyl.

13. The compound of Claim 12 wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 are both -O-;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, or chloro;

R^4 is hydrogen, amino, hydroxy or methoxy;

R^6 is guanidino, $-C(NH)NH_2$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^8)R^9$ (where m is 0 or 1), (1,2)-imidazolyl substituted by methyl, or 2-imidazolinyl optionally substituted by methyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen or hydroxy.

14. The compound of Claim 13 wherein

R^4 is hydroxy;

R^6 is dimethylamino or dimethylaminocarbonyl; and

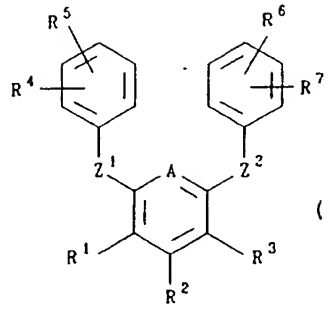
R^7 is hydrogen.

15. The compound of Claim 14 selected from the group consisting of the following:

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-2-methoxy-pyridin-4-yl)oxy]benzamidine; and

4-hydroxy-3-[(3,5-difluoro-6-(3-dimethylaminocarbonylphenoxy)-2-(2-methoxy-5-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)pyridin-4-yl)oxy]benzamidine.

16. A pharmaceutical composition useful in treating a human having a disease-state characterized by thrombotic activity, which composition comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of the following formulae: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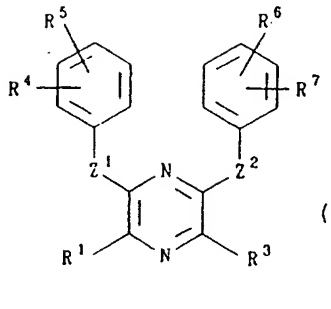
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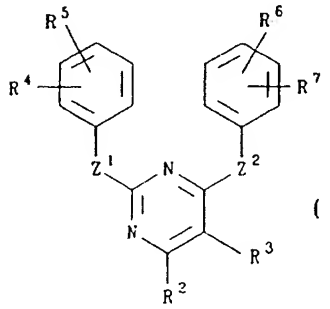
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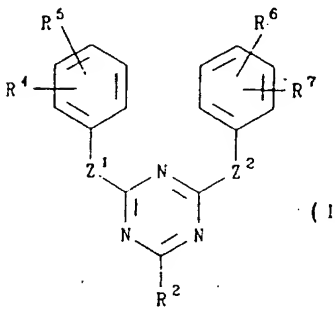
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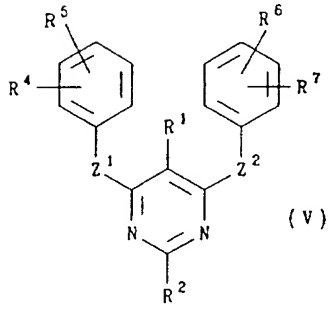
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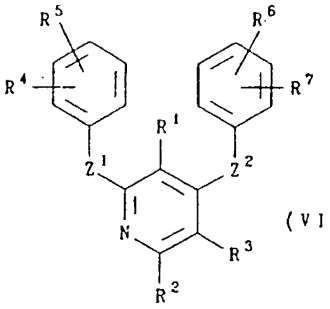
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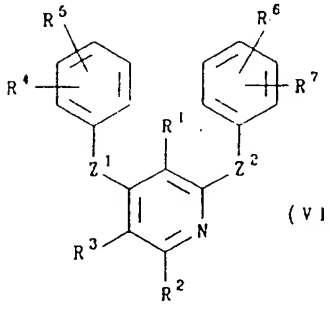
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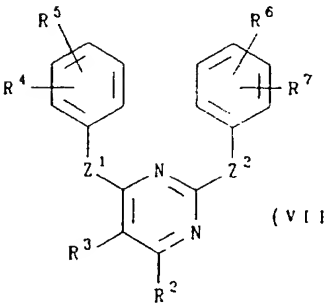
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wherein

A is $-C(R^{11})=$ or $-N=$;

Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, $-N(R^8)-$, -S-, or $-OCH_2-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, nitro, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$, or $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is

1 to 3); -N((CH$_2$)$_n$N(R^8)R^9)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)OR^8 (where each n is 1 to 3); -O(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)N(R^8)R^9 (where n is 1 to 3); -O(CH$_2$)$_p$C(O)OR^8 (where p is 1 to 6); -N(R^8)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)N(R^8)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)OR^8 (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -OR^8, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)carbonyl, (alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, ((alkoxy)alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is 1-piperazinoyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, and tetrazolylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and aralklyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, amidino, 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, nitro, -OR^8, -C(O)OR^8, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, -N(R^8)R^9, -N(H)C(O)R^8, or -N(H)S(O)$_2$R^{12};

R^5 is -C(NH)NH$_2$, -C(NH)N(H)OR^8, -C(NH)N(H)C(O)OR^{12}, -C(NH)N(H)S(O)$_2$R^{12}, -C(NH)N(H)C(O)N(R^8)R^9, or -C(NH)N(H)C(O)R^8;

R^6 is halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, ureido, guanidino, -OR^8, -C(NH)NH$_2$, -C(NH)NHOH, -C(O)R^{10}, -(CH$_2$)$_m$C(O)N(R^8)R^9 (where m is 0 to

3), -CH(OH)C(O)N(R^8)R^9, -$(CH_2)_m$N(R^8)R^9 (where m is 0 to 3), -$(CH_2)_m$C(O)OR^8 (where m is 0 to 3), -N(H)C(O)R^8, (1,2)-tetrahydropyrimidinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), (1,2)-imidazolyl (optionally substituted by alkyl), or (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl);

each R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

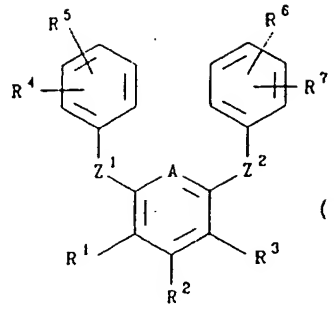
R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-morpolinyl, 4-piperazinyl, 4-(*N*-methyl)piperazinyl, or piperidin-1-yl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl or halo; and

R^{12} is alkyl, aryl or aralkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient thereof.

17. A method of treating a human having a disease-state characterized by thrombotic activity, which method comprises administering to a human in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of the following formulae:



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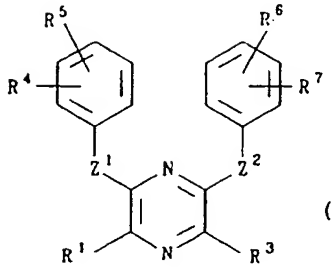

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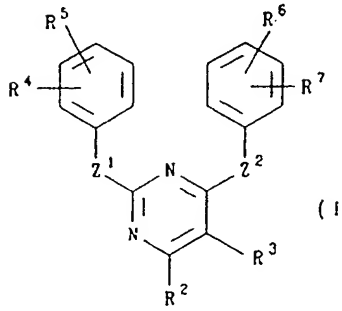

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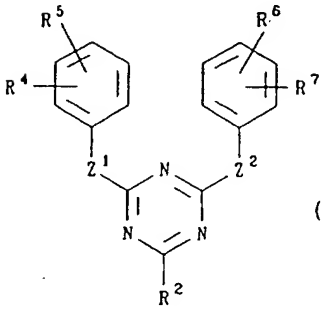

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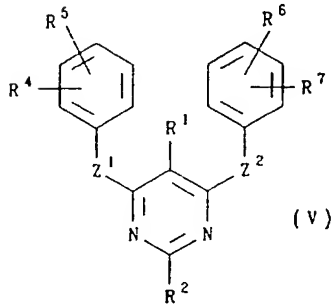

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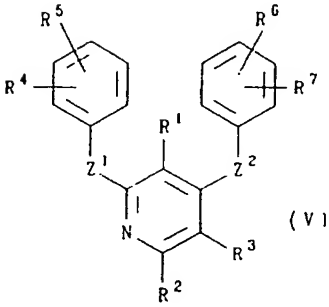

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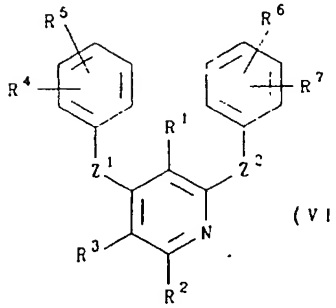

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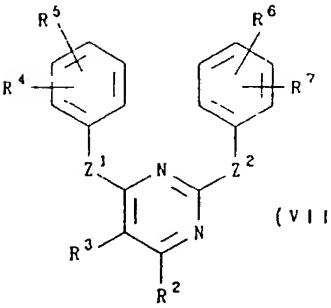

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Z^1 and Z^2 are independently -O-, $-N(R^8)-$, -S-, or $-OCH_2-$;

R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, nitro, $-N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)OR^8$, $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)R^9$, $-N(R^8)C(O)R^8$, $-N(R^8)S(O)_2R^{12}$, or $-N(R^8)C(O)N(R^8)CH_2C(O)N(R^8)R^9$;

R^2 is hydrogen; halo; alkyl; haloalkoxy; $-OR^8$; $-C(O)OR^8$; $-C(O)N(R^8)R^9$; $-N(R^8)R^9$; $-C(O)N(R^8)(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^8$ (where m is 0 to 3); $-N(R^8)(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^8$ (where n is

1 to 3); -N((CH$_2$)$_n$N(R^8)R^9)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)OR^8 (where each n is 1 to 3); -O(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)N(R^8)R^9 (where n is 1 to 3); -O(CH$_2$)$_p$C(O)OR^8 (where p is 1 to 6); -N(R^8)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)N(R^8)(CH$_2$)$_n$C(O)OR^8 (where each n is independently 1 to 3); morpholin-4-yl; 3-tetrahydrofuranoxy;

or R^2 is aryloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -OR^8, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, halo, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkenyl, carboxyalkenyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, (alkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (dialkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (arylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (aralkylamino)carbonylalkenyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)carbonyl, (alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, (hydroxyalkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, ((alkoxy)alkoxy)alkoxycarbonyl, tetrazolyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, and (1,2)-imidazolinyl (optionally substituted by alkyl));

or R^2 is piperazin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is 1-piperazinoyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-1-yl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

or R^2 is (3,4)-piperidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, and tetrazolylalkyl);

or R^2 is piperidin-4-ylamino (wherein the amino is optionally substituted by alkyl and the piperidinyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyalkyl, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and aralklyl);

or R^2 is 3-pyrrolidinyloxy (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, amidino, 1-iminoethyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxycarbonylalkyl);

R^4 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, nitro, -OR^8, -C(O)OR^8, -C(O)N(R^8)R^9, -N(R^8)R^9, -N(H)C(O)R^8, or -N(H)S(O)$_2$R^{12};

R^5 is -C(NH)NH$_2$, -C(NH)N(H)OR^8, -C(NH)N(H)C(O)OR^{12}, -C(NH)N(H)S(O)$_2$R^{12}, -C(NH)N(H)C(O)N(R^8)R^9, or -C(NH)N(H)C(O)R^8;

R^6 is halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, ureido, guanidino, -OR^8, -C(NH)NH$_2$, -C(NH)NHOH, -C(O)R^{10}, -(CH$_2$)$_m$C(O)N(R^8)R^9 (where m is 0 to

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each R^8 and R^9 are independently hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-morpolinyl, 4-piperazinyl, 4-(*N*-methyl)piperazinyl, or piperidin-1-yl;

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X	JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY (JMCMAR), vol. 19, no. 5, May 1976, pages 634-639, XP000573915 GERATZ J.D. ET AL.: "Novel bis(benzamidino) compounds with an aromatic central link. Inhibitors of thrombin, pancreatic kallikrein, trypsin, and complement" see compounds 3, 4, 7 and 9 see page 636; table I ---	1,16

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X	INDIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMISTRY, SECTION B (IJSBDB,03764699) , vol. 27b, no. 1, January 1988, pages 38-42, XP000573780 CHAUHAN P.M.S. ET AL: "Antiparasitic agents. Part VI. Synthesis of 1,2-, 1,3-, and 1,4-bis[4-substituted (aryloxy)]benzenes and their biological activities" see compounds 9, 15 and 18 see page 39 ---	1
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searches without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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